



Attorney Docket No: 9310-22CX

PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re: Goudsmit et al.

Serial No.: 09/463,352

Filed: January 1, 2000

For: NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES THAT CAN BE USED AS PRIMERS AND PROBES
IN THE AMPLIFICATION AND DETECTION OF ALL SUBTYPES OF HIV-1

Date: September 17, 2003

Examiner: Bradley L. Sisson

Group Art Unit: 1634

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

PETITION AND FEE FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
(37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a))

1. This is a petition for an extension of time for a total period of (3) month(s) to respond to the final Office Action dated December 18, 2002, for which an Advisory Action was issued on June 27, 2003 and a Notice of Appeal was filed on April 10, 2003.
2. A response in connection with the matter for which this extension is requested:

is filed herewith.

has been filed.

3. Applicant:

Claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

Does not claim small entity status.

4. Calculation of extension fee (37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)-(d)):

| <u>Total Months Requested</u> | <u>Fee For Other Than Small Entity</u> | <u>Fee for Small Entity</u> |
|-------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| <input type="checkbox"/> one month | \$110.00 | \$55.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> two months | \$410.00 | \$205.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> three months | \$930.00 | \$465.00 |
| <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> four months | \$1,450.00 | \$725.00 |
| <input type="checkbox"/> five months | \$1,970.00 | \$985.00 |

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Fee Enclosed \$1450.00

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Enclosed is a check in the amount of \$2,200.00 for the extension fee plus a fee of \$750.00 for a request for continued examination.

Payment by credit card (Form PTO-2038) is enclosed.

Charge Deposit Account No. 50-0220 for any additional extension and/or fee required or credit for any excess fee paid.

Respectfully submitted,

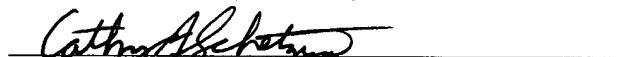


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